



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

NIHEI, Mizuhisa, et al.

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

PRELIMINARY SUBMISSION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 18, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.